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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

In advance of your planned visit to Israel, the West Bank, and Saudi Arabia, I urge your administration to expand on the successes of the Abraham Accords, which will lead to great stability in the Middle East.

On September 15, 2020, the United States was a party to the normalization of relations between our ally Israel, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. These historic Abraham Accords was the catalyst for a new era for the Middle East. Since the agreement, nations throughout the region have worked diligently to normalize relations with Israel. Today, the geopolitical and economic impacts of the Abraham Accords have created waves of change towards peace and progress throughout the Middle East and around the world. Since the original signing, Sudan and Morocco have joined in the commitment to further cooperation. This historic document is a foundation for peace and bilateral cooperation for countries interested in renewed collaboration.

On my recent trip to Israel, I met with senior officials, including the Prime Minister Naftali Bennet and Former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who expressed their hope for this administration to continue its support for this historic agreement.

As you embark on your first trip to the Middle East since taking office, I request that you encourage Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern countries to also work towards recognizing and cooperating with Israel.

Thank you for your consideration to this important matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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